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Please see the attached communication regarding the amendments filed 3/4/04 and 3/11/04.

Applicants' amendments filed 3/4/04 and 3/11/04 are acknowledged. However, these amendments are non-responsive to the Office action mailed 3/1/04. That Office action indicated the need for compliance with the sequence disclosure rules. The amendments filed 3/4/04 and 3/11/04 do not address this issue. Compliance with the sequence disclosure rules is still required.

The time for response (one month) is reset pursuant to this Office action. Failure to comply with these requirements will result in ABANDONMENT of the application under 37 CFR 1.821(g). Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David Lukton whose telephone number is 571-272-0952. The examiner can normally be reached Monday-Friday from 9:30 to 6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christopher Low, can be reached at 571-272-0951. The fax number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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